

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A hardtop vehicle roof comprising a front an intermediate and a rear roof part supported on a vehicle body so as to be movable between a closed position, in which the roof parts cover an interior vehicle space, and an open position, in which the roof parts are deposited in a storage compartment behind the interior vehicle space, said rear roof part being pivotally supported on said vehicle body, said front roof part being movable under said intermediate roof part in parallel relationship therewith and said intermediate roof part being supported, so as to be movable, together with the front roof part disposed below the intermediate roof part, onto the rear roof part pivoted into the storage compartment thereby forming in the storage compartment a roof part packet with the rear roof part disposed on the bottom in an orientation in which the outer surface of the rear roof part faces downwardly, and the intermediate roof part disposed on top of the packet and the front roof part disposed between the rear and intermediate roof parts with the top surfaces of both the intermediate and front roof parts facing upwardly.

2. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein the front roof part is connected to the intermediate roof part by way of a kinematic operating mechanism.

3. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate roof part is pivotally connected to the rear roof part.

4. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein the rear roof part includes side C-columns with a rear window panel disposed therebetween, said rear window panel being independently movable out of its location between the C-columns by an operating mechanism into the storage compartment in a vertical storage position.

5. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 4, wherein in the storage compartment, the rear window panel is disposed just behind the interior vehicle space and in front of the roof part packet.

6. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein a storage compartment lid for covering the storage compartment is movably supported on a trunk lid.

7. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 6, wherein, in the closed position of the vehicle roof and for the transfer of the roof parts between the closed and the storage position the storage compartment lid is disposed below the trunk lid.

8. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 7, wherein the storage compartment lid is supported on the trunk lid by a four-link mechanism.

9. A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein the trunk lid is supported for opening in the same way for the transfer of the vehicle roof between the closed and the storage positions and for loading and unloading the trunk.